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## OFFICE OF DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE

### GOVERNING JUSTLY AND DEMOCRATICALLY (GJD) SUMMARY OF FY 2009 REQUEST

#### Overview

- The United States supports governing justly and democratically (GJD) for three primary reasons. First, we **support GJD as a matter of principle** – our political system and national identity are built on the belief that all people share fundamental rights. Second, **democracy promotion is central to our national security** and the War on Terror, as outlined in the President's Freedom Agenda and the National Security Strategy. Failed or authoritarian states pose a long-term threat to the security of the United States. Finally, **U.S. support for GJD is grounded in our broader development agenda**. Functioning, democratic states directly contribute to sustainable development, economic growth, and the provision of crucial services (e.g., health care and education).
- The **FY 2009 request of \$1.72 billion** for GJD represents the largest request for democracy promotion ever.
- GJD programs would **increase by \$343 million or 25%** over the current FY 2008 estimate and by \$565 million or 49% over latest FY 2007 actuals.
- Factoring out funding for Iraq and Afghanistan there is an increase of \$110 million or just under 10%. As a comparison, the overall Foreign Assistance request factoring out Afghanistan and Iraq increased by 1.1%
- FY 2008 levels in the CBJ are estimates and are subject to change pending final approval of Congressional Notifications and Operating Plans.

#### GJD Objectives:

US foreign assistance will support:

1. **The President's Freedom Agenda** to end tyranny, the National Security Strategy's goal of promoting democracy; and
2. **The Secretary of State's vision of Transformational Diplomacy** by promoting and strengthening effective democracies in recipient countries and helping them advance along a continuum toward consolidation and sustainable partnership.

Our objective is to:

- Reduce the number of Authoritarian states that do not allow meaningful political competition
- Increase the number of democracies and improve the quality of their governance

#### Highlights/Issues

- This budget request will fully fund the **new \$100M African Democratic Governance Initiative** in order to build on and go beyond the great successes in fighting HIV/AIDS and Malaria by ensuring that every citizen in Africa has a voice in their government and the right to choose their own leaders.
- This budget request is carefully targeted – **over 75% of the money** will go to countries identified by the White House, the State Department and USAID as priority countries that either are **authoritarian states or are fragile democracies**.
- This budget request directly supports the national security of the United States by fully funding the **elections in Afghanistan**, building **government capacity in Iraq** in response to improved security, and by **supporting a genuine transition to civilian rule in Pakistan** while building up the capacity to govern in the volatile frontier region.
- Funding would **support democratic activists** in some the world's most repressive regimes in countries like **Burma, Belarus, Cuba and Zimbabwe**.

### **Overview of Foreign Assistance Funding by Objective**

	2007 CBJ Actual	2008 CBJ Request	2008 Estimate	2009 CBJ Request	% Difference
<b>TOTAL</b>	19,801,551	20,556,313	22,067,296	22,665,113	2.7%
P&S	6,775,121	6,879,051	6,782,357	7,693,566	13.4%
<b>GJD</b>	<b>1,154,493</b>	<b>1,447,965</b>	<b>1,376,768</b>	<b>1,719,780</b>	<b>24.9%</b>
IIP	6,467,312	6,954,303	8,317,841	7,709,726	-7.3%
EG	2,265,410	2,370,329	2,235,702	2,329,173	4.2%
HA	2,280,229	2,124,265	2,523,140	2,134,221	-15.4%

### **Breakdown of GJD Funding by Area**

	2007 CBJ Actual	2008 CBJ Request	2008 CBJ Estimate	2009 CBJ Request	% Difference
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,154,493	1,447,965	1,376,768	1,719,780	24.9%
2.1 Rule of Law and Human Rights	332,776	399,253	396,138	475,185	20.0%
2.2 Good Governance	355,410	507,387	371,272	533,308	43.6%
2.3 Political Competition and Consensus-Building	147,132	186,102	173,273	313,254	80.8%
2.4 Civil Society	319,175	355,223	436,085	398,033	-8.7%

### **Breakdown of GJD Funding by Region<sup>\*</sup>**

	2007 CBJ Actual	2008 CBJ Request	2008 CBJ Estimate	2009 CBJ Request	% Difference
<b>TOTAL</b>	987,031	1,343,770	1,122,958	1,576,656	40.4%
Africa	172,910	220,277	171,828	272,684	58.7%
East Asia and Pacific	57,085	54,049	73,810	74,670	1.2%
Europe	209,722	195,677	223,061	190,007	-14.8%
Near East	179,376	407,340	152,966	453,680	196.6%
South and Central Asia	225,431	291,796	293,684	358,362	22.0%
Western Hemisphere	142,507	174,631	207,609	227,253	9.5%

<sup>\*</sup> Does not include centralized funding from DRL, DCHA, INL, etc.